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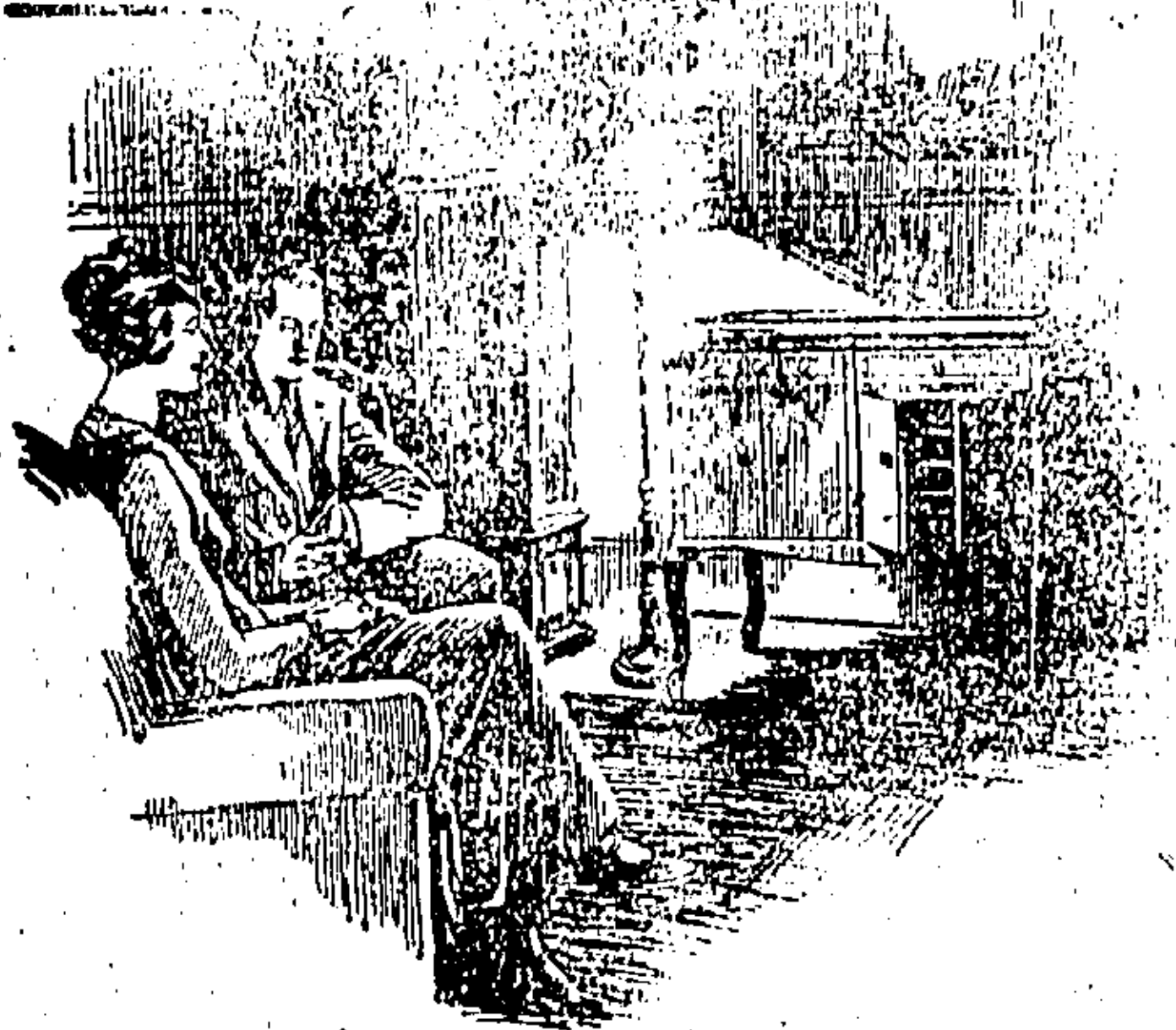
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CRIS OF "RESIGN!"

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

POINT NOT VITAL.

CONSERVATIVES' PREMATURE ELATION.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 13.
In the House of Commons a Government motion to suspend the eleven o'clock rule to debate the Army estimates, because the business was behind hand was defeated by 234 votes to 207 but the defeat is not regarded as vital within the terms of the statement Mr. MacDonald has made more than once and Mr. Walsh, Minister for War, proceeded to introduce the Army Estimates.
Mr. J. R. Clynes, Lord Privy Seal, explained that the course proposed was an alternative to taking private members' time. He admitted in response to pressure that the Labourite Back Benchers' motion to reduce the personnel of the Army by 150,000 would be debated after eleven.
This evoked Conservative and Liberal protests culminating in a challenge and division. The only effect of the defeat is that all the time available for private members will be taken up by the Government in order to overtake business that must be completed before March 31.
A number of Liberals voted with the Government, hence the announcement of the figures evoked an outburst of enthusiasm and Conservative cries of "Resign!"

\$1,000,000 BOND.

SEIZED SHIP HELD FORFEIT.

OWNERS' PROTEST.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, March 13.
The District Attorney has filed a suit in the Federal Court demanding that the Government confiscate the "Orduna."
Subsequently a conference of Royal Mail officials and Government representatives agreed to release the "Orduna" under a \$1,000,000 bond so as to enable her to sail according to schedule on Saturday.
[Government agents seized the Royal Mail steamer "Orduna" on a charge of violation of the customs prohibition and narcotic laws. Eight persons were arrested, including the chief steward. They have been allowed bail of \$10,000 dollars each.]

WASHINGTON, March 14.
The owners of the "Orduna" have complained through the British Embassy to the State Department to the effect that the bond for \$1,000,000 for the release of their vessel is unreasonably high.

NAVAL OIL SUIT.

FIGHT TO THE BITTER END.

ARRAY OF COUNSEL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 12.
Senator Ladd succeeds Senator Len Root as Chairman of the Oil Investigation Committee.
A message from Cheyenne states that Judge Kennedy of the Federal Court has appointed Admiral Strauss, of the United States Navy, who is the Government's nominee and Mr. Watts, Vice-President of the Sinclair Oil Corporation, the defendants' nominee, as receivers to control the Teapot Dome Oil reserve pending the final disposition of properties. The Judge has also granted a temporary injunction halting further development work in the Teapot Dome reserve.

NEW YORK, March 13.
While public interest in the oil investigations is perceptibly slackening, attention to-day is centred in the opening of the Government's suit for the cancellation of the oil leases mentioned on March 6 in the Federal Court at Cheyenne (Wyoming).
There is an imposing array of counsel on both sides and Mr. Sinclair has announced that the suit will be fought to the bitter end.

ANOTHER SQUABBLE.

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

LONDON, March 13.
When the League of Nations appears en route to a solution of the future of Memel Russia has intervened, dispatching a note to Poland protesting against the settlement of the question by a third party, as violation of the Russo-Lithuanian Peace Treaty.
Reuter's correspondent at Warsaw says the newspapers are most indignant at what they consider the hostile tone of the note and are particularly incensed at the passage questioning Poland's right to Vilna. They hint a possible rupture of Russo-Polish diplomatic relations.

SARAWAK OILFIELDS.

COAST DEFENCES BARRED.

LONDON, March 13.
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir William Davidson, who asked in regard to protection of the oilfields in Sarawak whether the question of providing oil storage for the navy in Sarawak rather than Singapore had been considered, Mr. C. G. Ammon, parliamentary secretary to the Admiralty, pointed out that under the Washington Treaty no coast defences or fortifications could be established there for peace time. They would therefore rely primarily for defence on the presence of the British fleet. Sarawak was not a suitable position for oil fuel storage for the fleet.

GRAVE MISTAKE.

SINGAPORE VOLTE FACE UNTHINKABLE.

BALFOUR'S WARNING.

INCALCULABLE CONSEQUENCES INVOLVED.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 13.
In the House of Lords Earl Balfour asked for information in regard to the Singapore naval base scheme and moved for the tabling of the papers.
He contended that the abandonment of the project would be a disastrous mistake which would have an Empire-wide echo and the consequences of which could hardly be calculated.
He stressed Australia, New Zealand's and India's reliance on the British fleet, which was useless in certain contingencies, however improbable, without a base.
Earl Balfour declared he could imagine no worse economy than the one which rendered the fleet inefficient in the greatest oceans of the world and in connection with the existence of the most important part of the Empire.
He emphasised the defensive nature of the scheme which would safeguard peace, and termed as fantastic the notion that a base 3,000 miles from Yokohama could menace our Japanese friends.
Lord Chelmsford, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that the Government hoped to be able to make a statement of policy in both Houses on March 18. The House then adjourned.

OUR ARMY NEEDS.

PROTECTING OVERSEAS POSSESSIONS.

MACHINES REPLACING MAN-POWER.

LONDON, March 14.
In the House of Commons, moving the Army Estimates, Mr. Walsh, the Minister of War, explained that the Estimates had been prepared by the previous Government but he was satisfied they had been framed with due regard to economy and the needs of the country.
He declared that if the German menace had disappeared it must be remembered that our distant possessions could not be left defenceless. (Opposition cheers.)
The difficulties we had to contend with in Egypt, Iraq, India and the East would not at present warrant any decrease in the strength of the Army. There were signs of improvement in recruiting.
The policy of substituting machines for manpower required a highly equipped research department which was one of the finest it was possible to organise.
A motion relative to pensions grievances of certain ranker officers was defeated by 220 votes to 201, after Mr. Baldwin had endorsed Mr. MacDonald's suggestion for the appointment of a committee to enquire into the whole matter.
Mr. Page Croft pointed out that compared with 1914 we had reduced our trained forces by 260,000. No other country had done anything like this. Major C. R. Attlee, Under Secretary of War, replying to the debate declared we were well up to the standard of other armies with regard to inventions. The debate was then adjourned.

FRANCE'S RUHR GAINS.

THREE MILLIARD FRANCS PROFIT.

POINCARÉ'S SENATE FIGURES.

PARIS, March 14.
Reviewing the results of the occupation of the Ruhr, M. Poincaré in the Senate said the receipts for 1924 were estimated at four milliards of francs and the expenditure at one milliard, leaving three milliards available for reparations.
M. Poincaré added that no one any longer dreamt of asking them to evacuate the Ruhr.
FRANC UP.

LONDON, March 13.
Very great enthusiasm in France has been occasioned by the improvement of the franc, especially when it repaid the "psychological century" and closed at 98.25.

MINERS' WAGES.

TROUBLE LIKELY.

LONDON, March 13.
The miners' delegate conference adjourned until to-morrow after a discussion revealing considerable opposition to the owners' offer.
Yesterday's cables stated that a joint committee representing mining employers and the Miners' Federation discussed the miners' wages demands. The owners definitely offered to increase the minimum wage to thirty per cent. above the 1914 rate and to revise the ratio of proceeds paid in wages and profits making the proportions 85 and 15 respectively.

BOAT CREW SAVED.

WASHINGTON, March 14.
Lloyds New York agents state that the British steamer "Colonial" due at Newport News wirelessly that she has picked up a boat crew from the steamer "Santiago" from Cuba to New York with a cargo of sugar was abandoned 60 miles south of Hatteras. One lifeboat containing ten men was picked up by a Norwegian steamer.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

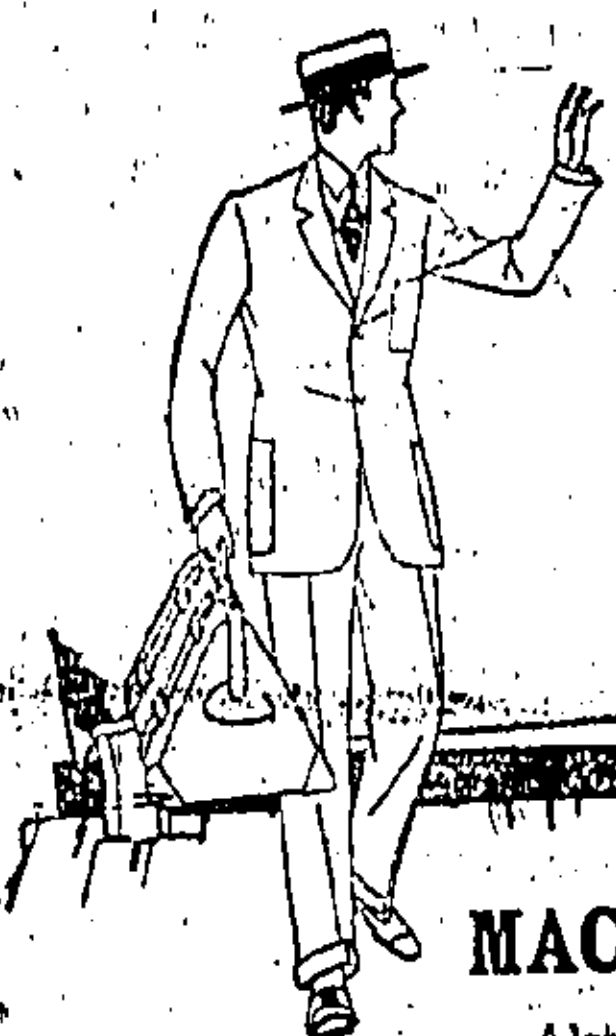
BERLIN, March 13.
Owing to the Opposition's insistence upon altering the Government's emergency decrees Herr Ebert the President, has dissolved the Reichstag.
The date of the elections has not yet been fixed.

HOLLAND'S SUMMER TIME.

THE HAGUE, March 13.
The Second Chamber carried a resolution by 45 votes to 32 asking the Government in the general interest to repeal the Summer Time law.

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ON

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Kowloon.

142 Cases Salt Herrings

(stored at No. 18 Godown)

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(stored at No. 2 Passage Way)

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(stored at No. 3 Passage Way)

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Hongkong, March 13, 1924.

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Comprising:—

Teak Bathtub, Chesterfield Couch

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Brass Fenders, Brass Lamps, and

Ornaments, Carpets, Curtains, etc. Teak

extension Dining Table, Dressing table

with bevelled mirror, Washing stand,

Double and Single Teak Wardrobes with

bevelled mirror doors, Dinner Service,

Glass ware, etc., etc.

Also

Several pieces of Blackwood Furni-

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And

One Motor Car.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View on Saturday the 16th March

1924.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

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Hongkong, 13th March, 1924.

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Also

42 Tons AWESONS

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Hongkong, March 8, 1924.

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Every subsequent hour..... 30 "

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City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-

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Station on the Eastern side of the City

of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half

fare shall be chargeable.

For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or

triple respectively.

In the Hill District.

On minutes..... 15 cents

Quarter hour..... 20 "

Half hour..... 30 "

One hour..... 40 "

Every subsequent

hour..... 40 "

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FRIDAY MARCH 14, 1924

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF CALL.

Issue of 95,000 Shares of the Nominal Value of \$10 each. (\$7.50 paid up).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1923, has been made by the Company, and that such call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 15th day of March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive. For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.

S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th March 1924, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th to the 20th March 1924 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday the 14th March 1924 until Saturday the 22nd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PERCY H. SUCKLING, Secretary.

Hongkong 6th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 27th March, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 27th March 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Canton, 8th March, 1924.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices 20, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY 29th of March 1924 at 11 a.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th of March to 29th of March, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO. General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March 1924.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY the 31st March 1924 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March, 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

H.K. DOG AND CAT SHOW.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Hongkong Defence Corps, a Show will be held in the Parade Ground on Saturday 15th March at 2 p.m. There will be classes for all kinds of dogs, including cross-breeds and puppies, also litters of puppies. If sufficient entries are received there will be classes for cats also. Entry forms may be had from the undersigned.

Entries close on Tuesday 11th inst. at 5 p.m. and intending competitors are notified that owing to the trouble in compiling the catalogue no entries can possibly be accepted after that date.

B. L. FROST, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer. c/o The E. Ex. Telegraph Co.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER of Queen's College Old Boys' Association will take place on SATURDAY, 15th March at 8 p.m. in the Hall of Queen's College. Members are requested to send in their subscription before 12th inst. The minimum charge is \$3.

Members intending to invite guests are requested to notify Mr. C. Choa, Asia Banking Corporation, or the undersigned.

H. C. HUNT, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. John Scott Harston in our firm ceased on the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

WE have admitted Mr. Reginald Frederick Mattingly a partner in our firm as from the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE business of Solicitors and Notaries Public heretofore carried on by us under the style of Deacon, Harston & Shenton will, as from today's date, be carried on under the style of Deacons. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

GARLAND STEAMSHIP CORPORATION.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

REDUCTION IN PRICE.

FROM 1st April 1924 until further notice the price of current for Lighting and Fans will be reduced to 16 cents per unit. Discounts will remain as before. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

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INTIMATIONS.

G. R.

1924-1925.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R. N. Hospital until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1924, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1925. Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved. R. N. Hospital, Hongkong, 12th March, 1924.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1924, at 11.30 a.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of CROWN LAND at Tszing I in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from the 1st July, 1898, with this option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 24 years, less three days.

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SEEING CALCUTTA.

RICH REWARDS FOR CURIOUS PEOPLE.

Every city, like every individual, has its own peculiar characteristics, says the Englishman, and those who have the curiosity and desire to study the ways of the city of their birth or of a foreign land, the "mysteries" of London, the "fascination" of New York—what endless themes these have afforded to writers and students of human nature.

The average Londoner, it has been said, knows very little about London. Inasmuch as this is true, yet again it is quite wrong. For the man who has been born and brought up in a city as old and proud of its city as the Swiss peasant is devoted to the Alpine mountains and valleys.

One may well wonder whether the average Briton ever obtains the same kind of feeling towards London. Inasmuch as this is true, yet again it is quite wrong. For the man who has been born and brought up in a city as old and proud of its city as the Swiss peasant is devoted to the Alpine mountains and valleys.

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SKYSCRAPERS.

EFFECT UPON STREET TRAFFIC.

The proposal to permit higher buildings in London has been discussed in the last two or three years without much reference to one of its most important aspects—that of

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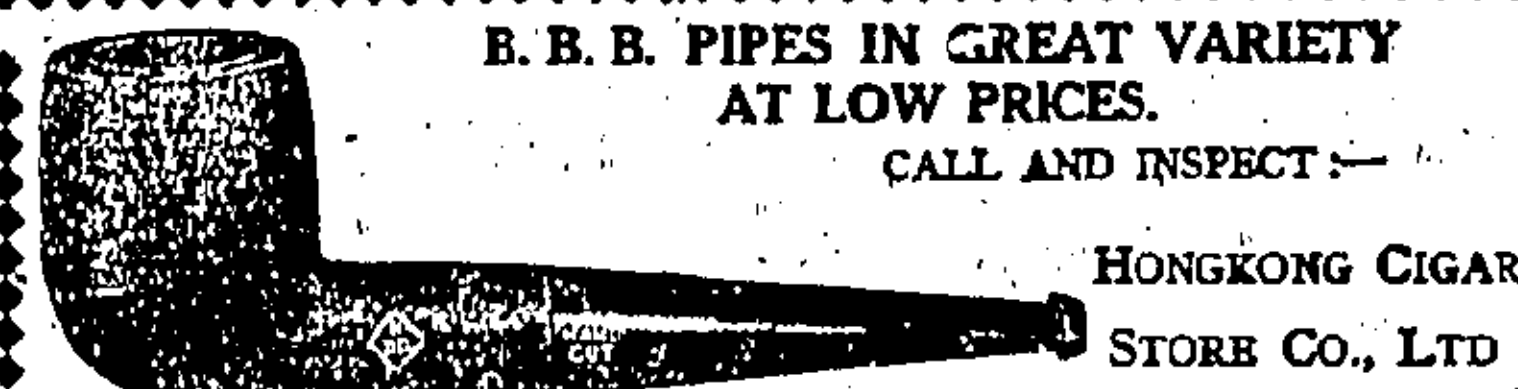
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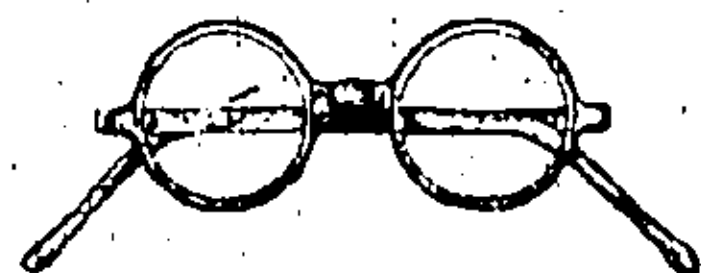

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DEATH.

CLARK.—On March 6, 1924, at
Shanghai, Ambrose J. Clark
(Yangtze Pilot), aged 64
years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG FRIDAY, MAR. 14, 1924.

DINNERS.

Local Chinese are not a whit behind those of their nationals in other parts to do honour to those they deem worthy of it, and to offer hospitality on the usual lavish Chinese scale where they think such should be offered. The Colony notes with a considerable degree of interest that the members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, a very representative body of Chinese opinion, seem willing and eager to speed those of our higher officials who have at last reached the official span of life, with a dinner and a succession of speeches embodying what are the fervent wishes of the hosts. The custom seems of recent innovation, for we can only remember such feasts being offered our late Directors of Public Works who in their official capacity had such a lot to do to cope with the problems arising out of the Colony's rapid expansion.

The Chinese idea of wise and benevolent officials and administrators would probably be found in Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Chatham, who were typical examples of the British Civil Service which has done so much for British prestige in all parts of the world. Sir William Rees Davies is next to be honoured in the way we have indicated, and this function is likely to be regarded in legal circles at least, as unique. It may be that the Chinese are great believers in legal administration and the enforcement of law and order by legal means, rather than by force. We are right in saying that no greater evidence exists of the absolute justice of British Administration than it does in its legal enactments, in the carrying out of those enactments, and in its dispensing of justice either in its Supreme Courts of Justice, or in the more common Police Court. The figure of Justice, blindfold and with scales evenly balanced, to be seen outside our Supreme Court, aptly signifies the spirit and the manner of this side of administration. The Chinese know, as we all do, that before the tribunal thus set up, litigants meet on an equality, and the prisoner at the bar is sure of a fair hearing. The giving of such dinners of honour which has prompted this note seems to be a departure from the strict official

procedure of the past and may be questioned. But a precedent has been established and is likely to be continued. We know of no one more worthy of this honour than Sir William Rees Davies, who in his own person and in the strict spirit of the letter has for so long carried out his onerous and high duties in the traditions which have made the dispensing of British justice the envy of the world. The Chinese have a phrase which interpreted means "quick, come back again." That phrase unfortunately cannot be used at the forthcoming function. Doubtless there will be a sentence used, which will be echoed by all, signifying the hope of a quick return of health, and long years of happiness to both Sir William and Lady Rees Davies.

Shanghai's Future.

Shanghai's future as a world port is discussed in an informative article in the March issue of "The Chinese Economic Monthly," the useful journal published by the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information. After noting that one of the results of the remarkable development in trans-oceanic trade in the past decade has been an accentuation of the relative order of world harbours, the writer suggests that, if Shanghai maintains its present rate of progress, "it is feasible to suppose that it will equal Liverpool, Antwerp and even New York, within a few years." While Hongkong will hardly be prepared to admit that the Northern Settlement's ship-building yards "easily overshadow anything of the kind elsewhere in the country," there can be no denying the advantage of its position at the door of the rich Yangtze hinterland. Given our harbour Shanghai's future as China's chief entrepot would perhaps be assured. But the present inadequacy of the port to cope with the big liners that are now foreshadowed for Pacific trade is obvious and the report wisely urges the improvement of existing facilities and the deepening of the approaches. "It is evident," the article concludes, "that some scheme must be formulated to assure to Shanghai her future pre-eminence as the premier port of Far Eastern Asia. Otherwise," says the consulting engineers' report, "it is obvious that the trade carried in deep draft ships will gravitate to foreign distributing centres and that Shanghai will become a second class port with consequent great loss not only to local interests, but to Shanghai as a whole." Something along the same lines was pointed out to the Engineering Society of China the other day by Mr. F. J. Blom, in advocating the formation of a Harbour Board for Shanghai in order to safeguard local interests. Hongkong has its own Fitzmaurice scheme in hand; it will not do for the Northern port to stand idly by.

The Cup.

Yesterday's Reuter cables gave the results of the fourth round replays in the English Football Association Cup. Cardiff City, the pride of the Principality, who led the way in the 1st Division of the English League, and on whom the hopes of the South have been centred since other stalwarts were gradually eliminated from the magic competition, were defeated on their own ground by a goal to nil by Manchester City. Swindon, another southern team, with unpretentious claims in the third league, were the other southern competitors but they went down to Aston Villa by 3 to 1. The draw for the semi-finals was announced on Tuesday and this means that all four clubs are Northern combinations. Manchester City will meet Newcastle United at Birmingham on March 29 and on the same day, Aston Villa will try conclusions with Burnley at Sheffield. There are those who are already certain as to who will go to Wembley and who will bring back the trophy from that ground. For the present it is sufficient to note that all four teams are in the first league and that all four have previously won the famous Cup. Aston Villa have the greatest Cup tradition, as they have won six times. Newcastle United have played in several finals but have only been successful in one or two. No matter what happens on March 29, Wembley will be flooded with North countrymen for the final on April 26 when it is hoped that there will be no repetition of last year's fiasco when thousands broke through the barriers to see

Bolton beat West Ham. Some will regret the absence of a Southern team in the final to make it more representative. Cardiff City, according to the Home sporting papers, were expected to break their spell this year, as they have never gone any further than the semi-final. Although they have made football history since their recent dramatic promotion from the second league after the war, the fates have not been kind to them and they will have to wait another year. Tottenham Hotspurs, the hopes of many a Londoner, have badly disappointed this year, being knocked out in the very first round of the competition proper.

Slum workers drawn SERVICE from members of the aristocracy or the wealthy section of society are not rare. Those who withdraw from the comfort of wealth to engage solely in work amongst the submerged tenth are few and far between. To the small number must be added the name of Lord Kinnaird's daughter, the Hon. Anne Barbara Kinnaird, who has forsaken the mansions of the west end for a small house in a back street in Barking and has become an enthusiastic cadet and officer of the salvation army. She is described as "a real bit of sunshine from another world" and does her share of her self-imposed tasks in meekness and humility and without any mark of favour which may be due her by reason of being the daughter of a Lord.

How many people who have read THE ENGLISH SPEECH. wonderful books know that these have all been first thought out in Polish, mentally expressed in French and then set down in English? Yet it is so. After enjoying Conrad's magnificent English it is almost impossible to believe that there was once a time when he had never even heard our language spoken. The first time he did must rank as an historic moment in English letters. Conrad relates the incident in a passage that is itself a superb example of the best prose: "A few strokes brought us alongside, and it was then that, for the very first time in my life, I heard myself addressed in English. It was a speech of my secret choice of my future of long friendships, of the deepest affections, of hours of toil and hours of ease, and of solitary hours too, of books read, of thoughts pursued, of remembered emotions of my very dreams! And if (after being thus fashioned by it in that part of me which cannot decay) I dare not claim it aloud as my own, then, at any rate the speech of my children. Thus small events grow memorable by the passage of time. As to the quality of the address itself I cannot say it was very striking. Too short for eloquence, and devoid of all charm of tone, it consisted precisely of the three words. 'Look out there,' growled out huskily above my head.

Several days ago GERMANY DYE the cables informed us that replying to questions in the House of Commons with reference to the French agreement with the Badische Anilin Co. for a supply of dyestuffs, Mr. Stephen Walsh, Minister of War, stated that similar steps had been taken by the British Government in conjunction with a British firm. Amplifying this brief announcement it is timely to recall that recently the British Dyestuffs Corporation, in which the Government is a large shareholder, completed a draft agreement with the Interessen Gemeinschaft, the German dye combine. The agreement amounts to joint control of the world's dye markets. German secret processes are to be revealed to the British Company in return for an agreed share of the profits. The English markets will be controlled by the British Corporation who will also receive a share of the foreign and colonial business. It is proposed that dyes and dyestuffs produced by both companies shall be sold at an agreed price to eliminate competition and the clashing of interests. German technical experts will advise the British company on German methods of manufacture.

Who won the war? WHO WON OUR AMERICAN THE WAR. cousins guess they did. Mr. Winston Churchill seems to think he would have done, if there hadn't been so many Generals and Admirals in the way. But they are all wrong. It was won by Frederick. France, Belgium, Italy, America, Australia and Canada, all protectionist countries, were, presumably, only brakes on the chariot. But the thing that puzzles us is not who won the war; but whether the war was won at all.

Lord Balfour has RETORT come into public COURTROUS. prominence again over the Singapore base, being reported in today's cables to have raised the question in the House of Lords. This is hardly a subject that will give him much opportunity to display his well-known gentle irony, else might we have a repetition of those retorts courteous for which he is mildly famous. Perhaps one of his best examples is the following: "The speech of my honourable friend," he said on one occasion in reply to the criticism of a supporter, "contained some things which were true and some things which were false. But what was true was true, and what was not true was not true."

To-day's Poem.

(Plain Song.)
Chief among unbought blisses might we count
The chance-taught comeliness of common sights—
Stark trees athwart pale sunrise in the south
In January, like a hill of spears; Blue April zenith in a puddle's eye;
The bramble's crimson on a town's drab waste;
The dandelion, sun spark, shout of spring—
All teaching, always may we lift the gaze;
May on the mount behold the bush aflame;
May loose our latches; praise the present Good;
Be thankful
—Douglas Hurn.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 14.
1890. The weather has been lovely, but this has made me restless. I cannot get away from these old Stones and Bones, and I long for something quite different.
—M. S. Holland.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.
ENTERTAINMENT S.

March 14.—Coronet Theatre; Baby Peggy in "The Darling of New York."
March 14.—Star Theatre; Conrad Nagel in "The Fighting Chance."
March 14.—World Theatre; Ethel Clayton in "Can A Woman Love Twice?"
March 14.—Theatre Royal; farewell return visit of Kaali's Hawaiian Troubadours, 9.15 p.m.
March 16.—Star Theatre, "Doug Fairbanks in 'Mollycoddle.'"
March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.
SOCIAL.
March 15.—Fourth annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn., 8 p.m.
March 17.—Hongkong Football Club dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
March 17.—Grand Carnival (dinner dansant), in Hongkong Hotel Grill Rooms, 8 p.m. to midnight.
April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORT.
March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

LAND SALE.
March 17.—At P.W.D. Offices one lot of Crown Land at Tsing I, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
March 17.—Lammert Bros. at No. 12 East Point Terrace, household furniture etc., 2.30 p.m.
March 18.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, electric furnaces, etc., etc., Noon.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
March 15.—A. S. Watson & Co., thirty-ninth annual meeting at the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.
March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 27.—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the E.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 29.—Ordinary Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Company's offices 20, Des Vaux Road, 11 a.m.

March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

DOG AND CAT SHOW.
March 15.—In the Parade Ground, H.K. Dog and Cat Show, 2 p.m.

MISSING LAUNCH.

VESSEL REPORTED STILL
AGROUND.

Evidently the report that the ferry-launch "Kwong Shun" had been refloated in Chinese waters (near the Heungshan district) and taken to Macao is rather premature.

Inquiries from the Chinese ferry company to-day elicited that their latest information was to the effect that the launch was aground in one of the creeks at Sha-Mee-Tau. Macao gunboats were standing by and efforts to get the vessel off would be in hand shortly. It was expected that she would be back in Hongkong in a week or so.

People who have come over from Macao state that the camouflage put up by the bandits was fairly effective as the launch's name in English and Chinese on both sides of the hull, had been obliterated by paint.

[Sha-Mee-Tau is a village skirting round a hill known by the same name, close to the most southerly point of the peninsula which projects south from that part of the Canton River delta which comprises a part of Heungshan and Sanwui. Distinguishing landmarks near the approaching creeks are three islands, close to one another and known as Big Tiger, Second Tiger and Third Tiger respectively. The "Kwong Shun" is believed to be aground in shallow water in one of the creeks.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The s.s. "Glenfalloch" carrying mails from London is due in Hongkong late to-night.

According to a Reuter's American cable, the Senate has ratified the Anglo-American ship liquor treaty.

The March number of "The Yellow Dragon" (Queen's College) is again up to standard containing light, chatty, and informative news concerning the activities of the College.

The owners of the steamer "Wah Sun," which plies from Hongkong to Shanghai, were fined \$250 at the Marine Court to-day for carrying 97 passengers in excess of the number permitted by the steamer's licence.

The Mee Fong Studio of Wyndham Street announce that they have engaged an expert who has studied photography in all its branches, and can therefore invite the Hongkong public to give a trial.

According to a Reuter cable from Shanghai, a group of Shanghai Labour Unions have sent a communication to the British and Russian Governments, explaining various grievances and asking for support in connection with the Labour movement in China.

Using a chopper with which he decapitated himself but only succeeding to the extent of inflicting a cut on his throat, Au Yau (24), a brass-smith of No. 631, Shanghai Street, was removed to the Kwong Wah hospital and, subsequently, to Hongkong for treatment.

Further argument was heard by Sir William Rees Davies, K. C. at the Supreme Court yesterday in the case in which the Bank of East Asia claims £10,000 from Mr. J. Mody, retired broker, an exchange transaction. After a full day's session the Chief Justice adjourned the case until Monday.

Aberdeen is convulsed by a controversy of local ministers on the subject of the propriety, or otherwise, of broadcasting Church Services. A meeting of the New-castle Chapter, heartily approved broadcasting Church Services after a speech by the Vicar that broadcasting would influence hundreds of thousands who had not been to Church for years.

Threatening clouds did not prevent St. Paul's College from staging their annual athletic sports at Happy Valley this afternoon. Despite an occasional shower, there was a fairly big crowd of parents, friends and other enthusiastic spectators at the opening. The prize winners will receive their awards at 5.30 p.m. An adjournment will be called for tea at 4 p.m.

Official details were given in Mr. E. W. Hamilton's Court yesterday afternoon about the motor-accident outside No. 7 Police Station on March 4, when a poultry vehicle is alleged to have killed a Chinese boy and injured two men. The driver, Kwong Tong, came up on remand and Traffic Inspector Kent prosecuted. After hearing evidence, His Worship ordered a further adjournment.

FUNG SHUI AGAIN.

GODDESS AND TUESDAY'S
FIRE.

UNHEEDED WARNING.

"Tall Figure In White Robes."

(By Gai Ming for the China Mail.)

Wonder upon wonder! Recently the Ming Yuen gardens organised a "Sang Choy Wui," which has been translated as a "Salad Guild," for devout worship of a white image of "Koon Yum" known as the Goddess of Mercy or the Heavenly Virgin, specially brought down from a Canton nunnery for the purpose.

Late on Tuesday night, a fire broke out in a garage in the gardens, when a number of motor-cars, cars, etc., were destroyed. Now it is claimed that these two events are connected and that supernatural influences predicted the fire but nobody took any notice.

Supplications were made to the image and the goddess consented to come to Hongkong for one hundred days. The "Salad Guild" affair only lasted a fortnight or so, but the old lady who acts as guardian to the image refused to return to Canton as the time of her appointed mission had not expired. Accordingly, the image was set up in a grove in the gardens with an altar at the entrance. "Fung Shui" experts had already pointed out an evil influence in the grove in that a Tiger Deity was supposed to have found refuge in it but with the Goddess riding triumphantly on his neck, his evil influence was nullified.

One of the partners in the company, who is a non-believer, jokingly remarked that the idol should be put elsewhere to make a good curio but the old lady indignantly scorned the idea. Three nights before the fire she confided in one or two that she had had a vision, imparted by the Goddess that there would be a fire in the place. Her audience took this to mean that probably the wooden altar outside the grove might be burnt up through contact with the offerings. At any rate, they are said to have been in great fear when the fire broke out on Tuesday night and they say that a strong east wind was blowing. As the garage is to the east of the main building it was feared that the latter might also be ignited through the flames being blown across. Though they protest their ignorance of the affair, they say that they are told by a number of women earth-labourers, who gathered outside at the height of the conflagration, that a tall figure in white robes (resembling "Koon Yum") stood up between the burning garage and the main building and waved a white flag for a second or two. It is claimed that the wind immediately veered round and blew the other way until the fire was put out. The devout construe this as recognition of their belief and the resulting deliverance of the goddess.

There are some who would like the image to remain in the gardens both because of this report and the supposed healing of a number of sick folk who burnt incense before the image and drank tea with the ashes in it, and then recovered. The old lady has replied that the allotted time for the stay is one hundred days but if they wish her to remain they will have to go to the nunnery in Canton and make further supplications for an extension.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

DRIVER CHARGED WITH
MANSLAUGHTER.

Manslaughter was the charge preferred against Yam Chi-ming, driver of motor-bus No. 1373 (owned by the Kai Tak Co.) before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning. He was alleged to have caused the death of Chan Yee-mui, a girl of eleven, on the Kowloon City Road on February 16. Defendant was not arrested but appeared in answer to a summons. Inspector Ogg prosecuted. He said that the medical officer who examined the body was of the view that only one wheel passed over the girl but witnesses allege that two wheels went over her. His Worship ordered the case to be remanded.

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HONGKONG PROBLEMS.

Chamber of Commerce Review.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Piracy: Wireless: Mails: Typhoons: Telephones.

Many problems vitally concerning the Colony are discussed in the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce's annual report which has just been issued.

Hongkong harbour improvements, the piracy evil, unjust opium laws, typhoon warnings and rescue services, wireless in the Far East, mails, and fancy piece goods contracts are but a few of the matters which have occupied the Chamber's attention during the past year.

Furthermore the Chamber undertook a great deal of work outside its accustomed spheres of action, notably in connection with the local arrangements for the Hongkong Section of the British Empire Exhibition and the administration of the fund raised in Hongkong for the relief of sufferers in the disastrous earthquake in Japan on September 1, 1923. The onerous secretarial work of the Joint Chambers of Commerce Committee which has charge of the Exhibition arrangements, and of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Committee, was ably and energetically carried through by the Secretariat, in addition to the labours of a year in which several difficult problems engaged the attention of the Chamber.

One of the most important of these was the development of Hongkong Harbour, following the reference by the Government to the Chamber of the Report by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice on "Hongkong Harbour Improvements." The Chamber has also given much anxious consideration to the very serious problem of dealing effectively with the increase of piracy in these waters, and pressing representations have been made to the Government urging the need for increased Naval Patrols, which have proved in the past the most effective means of deterring piratical operations. Further discussions also took place as to the improvement of the Hongkong storm warning service, especially in relation to the establishment of a wireless and meteorological station on the Pratas Shoal.

Hongkong Harbour Improvements.

The Government invited the Chamber to express its views on the Report on Hongkong Harbour Improvements made by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G., and published in May, 1923. A summary of the protracted discussions shows that the future requirements of the Port and the possibilities of development at West Point, Kennedy Town and North Point, as well as in Hungshom Bay, to which Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice chiefly addressed himself, were very fully discussed, also ferry schemes and typhoon protection measures. This last consideration led to a postponement of further discussion of the whole question, the Government promising to submit to its Harbour Engineer the problem of the practicability of converting any wharves constructed into the form of a wet dock, affording protection to steamers during typhoon weather. It is hoped that further progress will be made with this very important subject in 1924.

Piracy: Evil.

The Committee has given constant and earnest attention to the problem of piracy, to which notice has been insistently called by the frequent predatory attacks made upon merchant shipping and native craft, both large and small. Having in mind the experience of some years ago, when increased Naval Patrols led to a virtual cessation of piracy, the Committee has repeatedly addressed the Government urging that the importance of British interests in the Far East warrant the commissioning of larger numbers of mosquito craft. The experience of the Chinese Maritime Customs, whose cutters have performed useful service on occasion in capturing pirates, indicates the effectiveness of even the smallest craft in combating the present evils. The frequency with which, in recent months, piratical gangs have taken vessels to Bias-Bay, in Chinese territory, and there unloaded the loot without any punitive action being taken by either the Chinese or British authorities, has led the Committee to take the view that the situation calls for immediate action on the part of the foreign Powers. The following resolution, moved by Hongkong, was unanimously carried at the Annual Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in China and Hongkong, held in Shanghai in February, 1924:—

"That in the opinion of this Conference the numerous piracies that have taken place in Far Eastern Waters, and the inability of any Government in China to deal with the situation, calls for immediate action on the part of the foreign Powers."

The Conference urges H.M. Government to make arrangements with the proper Chinese Authorities whereby, immediately a piracy is reported, punitive measures may be taken against the pirates by H.M. Navy in the locality where they have landed. Further, the Conference strongly advocates an increased number of Naval vessels available for patrol work, especially in the Canton Delta and neighbouring waters, where it is clearly indicated by the frequent piracies successfully carried out that the existing patrols are inadequate to prevent them."

Wireless on Gumbots.

This question has been considered in connection with representations as to the necessity for increased Naval Patrols, and the motion of "Hongkong" at the Conference was just referred to

epitomises the Committee's views, and the references to that aspect of the subject in the correspondence on Piracy:—

"That the recrudescence of piracy in Far Eastern waters again emphasizes the urgent necessity for continuous means of wireless communication with H.M. smaller vessels. The Conference views with satisfaction the improvements being made to increase the efficiency of the wireless on river gunboats, and asks H.M. Government to install wireless on every such ship, also to provide the necessary increased staff of wireless operators so that communication can be effected at all times and where expedient for general purposes, when the ordinary commercial means of telegraphic communication are not available, as is frequently the case in South China."

The warships of other countries help their nationals in every way possible, in the transmission of commercial messages when ordinary means of communication are suspended, and the Committee considers that British vessels should also be prepared to give general assistance in this way in similar circumstances, not necessarily limiting the help to British nationals.

Imperial Customs Conference.

The Chamber referred to the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong a request by the Government for advice upon a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, involving the position of Hongkong in relation to the Imperial Customs Conference, 1921. From a careful report by the Association it was made clear that the recommendations of the Conference particularly affect those portions of the British Empire which levy protective duties. Nevertheless, it was pointed out that Hongkong, as a Free Colony, has an interest in securing the right to share with the mother country in any preferential treatment that may be given within the Empire, and the Association suggested that the attention of the Colonial Government be drawn to this aspect of the question. The need was emphasized, also, for the regular issue of volumes setting forth the Customs and trade laws and regulations in operation in the various parts of the British Empire. For lack of information Hongkong may be losing the advantage of rebates open to the Colony in its trading relations with other parts of the Empire. The "Combined Certificate of Value and Origin" adopted by the Conference is not applicable to Hongkong circumstances, but of course has to be used for exports to countries in which it is in force.

Arbitration Awards.

A further stage has been reached in the negotiations with the London Chamber of Commerce and the General Produce Brokers' Association of London with a view to obtaining the inclusion of particulars of defect in Arbitration Awards made under the auspices of the latter body. The Produce Brokers' Association has agreed to notify arbitrators that, if they were requested by either party to an arbitration to do so, there was no objection to their writing, without prejudice, an informal covering letter when forwarding their award, giving reasons for their findings. Naturally, in reply to this, the case of shippers who have no representatives in London was put forward, and the London Chamber

of Commerce is trying to obtain a concession from the Produce Brokers' Association to meet this difficulty.

Insurance Companies.

On representations by the Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong, the Chamber requested the Hongkong Government to use its influence with the Government of Macao in the direction of securing the modification of a new Ordinance—prejudicial, it was urged, to insurance interests, and objectionable because it discriminated in taxation against non-Portuguese Companies and made a levy upon Insurance Companies generally, to meet the cost of the Fire Brigade. H.E. the Governor of Hongkong has addressed H.E. the Governor of Macao on the subject but no reply has yet been communicated to the Chamber.

Proposed Hongkong Industrial Exhibition.

The Chamber informed H.M. Commercial Secretary of Legation at Shanghai, in answer to an enquiry, that the decision to hold the British Empire Exhibition in 1924 instead of in 1923 and the unsettled condition of affairs in South China, had necessitated the postponement to 1925-6 of the proposed British-Chinese Industrial Exhibition at Hongkong. Peace in the south is necessary to the development of the Exhibition.

Fancy Piece Goods Contracts.

When the last Annual Report of the Chamber was completed an agreement had been reached with the Chinese Piece Goods Guild, through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, after reconsideration of the terms of the Standard Form of Fancy Piece Goods Contract. This Chamber, in accordance with an undertaking given, had submitted to the Manchester and Bradford Chambers of Commerce a request by the Guild, that in cases of dispute one of the arbitrators shall be appointed by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. No reply has been received to these submissions. The Chamber also agreed to include in the Standard Form a provision in Chinese of the terms of the contract and asked the Chinese Chamber of Commerce—on January 3, 1923—to obtain from the Piece Goods Guild a Chinese translation. This was not received until the last month of the year. Immediately upon its receipt, members of the Chamber interested in piece goods were supplied with copies of the Standard Form of Contract, as agreed upon, printed both in English and Chinese.

Hongkong University.

Hongkong University continues to make steady progress in the right direction and has been indebted for material additions to its endowment funds to several local benefactors, including the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., also to the Rockefeller Foundation, which has made a further handsome grant to the medical side of the institution. There is no doubt that the Finance Committee of the University, on which the Chamber has a representative under authority of the University Ordinance, makes for the maintenance of sound finance. Although the University is in need of further funds, its present resources have been made use of to most efficient purpose, while maintaining the balance on the right side.

To Sir William Brunyate, C.M.G., the retiring Vice-Chancellor, the Committee takes this opportunity of recording its tribute on account of the painstaking work he has devoted to the finances of the University and the general advance he has furthered during his tenure of office. Co-operating with the Finance Committee Sir William has been able to create a Superannuation Fund for the staff of the University, which will remain as a standing record of his valuable services to the institution. The Chamber maintains its interest in and support of the University, which has its best wishes and material support so far as funds permit.

On December 18, 1923, was made the third annual contribution of \$12,000 which British members of the Chamber have undertaken to contribute for five years towards the expenses of the Department of Commerce at the University.

Wireless in the Far East.

An able exposition of the lines along which wireless development might be promoted in the Colony, received from the Radio Communication Co. (Orient) Ltd. is worthy of careful study. The Chamber asked the Government to consider the letter, inviting a discussion of the principles upon which wireless communication should be developed in the Colony. The Committee took the view that a public utility service of this kind might reasonably be given a monopoly, subject to limitation of profits and an approved local Board; it was assumed that the Government would only grant a charter to a predominantly British and financially strong Company, and suggestions were made as to the method of securing a measure of public control.

Harbour Moorings.

The Government submitted to the Chamber revised Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance of which the most interesting clause concerned the use of

the Government buoys, particularly in typhoon weather. It was learned that it is the intention of the Government to provide a number of specially strengthened "A" class moorings at which large steamers will be able to lay during typhoons. The Chamber suggested that, with the increasing number of large vessels using the port, fifteen such moorings—as a beginning—should be provided as early as possible.

Rescue Work During Typhoon Weather.

The typhoon of August 18 led to much public discussion of the adequacy or otherwise of lifesaving facilities in the Harbour. The Harbour Master, Commander Beckwith, R.N., suggested to the Government the provision of a Rescue Tug which could also act as a lighthouse tender. The Chamber was invited to consider the suggested design for the Tug and took the opportunity of recommending that the vessel be capable of making the trip to the Pratas Shoal, in readiness for the establishment of the proposed meteorological and wireless station there. This suggestion was adopted by the Government and a special sub-committee of experts is at present advising as to the most suitable design.

Typhoon Warnings.

The Committee regrets to have to report comparatively slight advance in the direction of an improved service of storm warnings, for which the Chamber again pressed, after the Swatow typhoon of August, 1922, and continued to urge during 1923. At the suggestion of the Government, a conference at which the whole question was surveyed took place with the Director of the Observatory, Mr. T. F. Claxton, and an agreed programme of needed improvements relating to the storm signal service was drawn up. Stress was laid, in the first place, on the need for a wireless and observing station on the Pratas Shoal, which is in the track of typhoons approaching the Colony and at a distance which would enable timely warning to be given by a station there. It was also suggested that a K.W. wireless transmitting set be installed at the Observatory; that exchange of storm warnings with Zikawei Observatory be arranged; that certain additional observations be obtained and that an evening weather report and forecast be prepared, a lithographic plant to be installed at the Observatory for that purpose.

Pratas Shoal Scheme.

In response to this letter, the Government arranged for the issue of an evening weather report and forecast and approached the Chinese Government, through H.M. Minister, with a preliminary enquiry whether they would be willing to allow the Hongkong Government to erect a wireless station on the Pratas Shoal. The Chinese Government replied that the necessity of setting up the station would be done by the Hydrographic Bureau. It was considered probable, in view of present political conditions, that it might be a very long time before the Chinese Hydrographic Bureau carried out the work. Sir Francis Aglen, K.B.E., Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, very kindly interested himself in this subject and invited a full statement of the history of the question. This was very willingly provided, and a sympathetic and helpful reply is now to hand from Sir Francis Aglen.

The Chamber was compelled to call attention, during the typhoon season, to defects in the working of the storm signal service and a reply is still awaited to a letter dated September 24 in which various points were submitted to the Government, at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

Telegraphic Communication with Canton.

For almost the entire period under review, interrupted cable communication between Canton and Hongkong has engaged the very serious attention of the Committee, and everything possible has been done to mitigate the evil, with, it must be confessed, little practical result. The inter-

ruption still continues, necessitating the dispatch of all cables in transit for Canton by post from Hongkong, not only involving serious delay but forming a menacing handicap to the important Canton silk trade.

"Correspondence has taken place with the British Chamber of Commerce, Canton, and with firms in Hongkong as to methods of overcoming the difficulty. This Chamber invited the assistance of the Government in endeavouring to secure an alternative means of communication through the agency of Naval wireless, pointing out that the gunboats of other nations render their nationals invaluable service by placing wireless facilities at their disposal.

The Government's reply was that the Commodore is prepared to sanction the transmission to Canton of private messages by Naval wireless when the ordinary methods of communication have broken down, provided the messages are forwarded through the Chamber. As stated in another paragraph of this Report, a Resolution on the subject was moved by Hongkong at the Chambers of Commerce Conference in Shanghai, in February, 1924.

The serious handicap to trade constituted by the present state of affairs cannot be allowed to remain unremedied, and the Chamber will continue to press for the reopening of the line between here and Canton. Until more settled conditions prevail, however, there is little hope of satisfactory telegraphic arrangements. This points, once more, to the moral of the urgent necessity for a powerful commercial wireless station in Hongkong.

Chinese Native Customs Duty.

A useful service was performed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China) Ltd., in working out in detail the disparity between the Tariff rates of the Chinese Native Customs and the Chinese Maritime Customs; made more acute by the revision of the latter tariff which came into effect in January, 1923. Canton British Chamber of Commerce later raised the same question. The correspondence indicates that political conditions are a hindrance to useful action, but the following resolution, moved by Canton Chamber, and seconded by Hongkong Chamber, was adopted at the Shanghai Conference in February, 1924:—

"That China be called upon to put into immediate effect Article III of the Commercial Treaty of 1902 whereby the duties and likin combined levied on junk-borne cargo between Hongkong and Treaty Ports in Kwangtung shall not be less than the duties levied by the Maritime Customs on similar goods carried by steamer. Further that, failing compliance by China with the above recommendations, the Maritime Customs Duties concerned be reduced to the level of duties on junk-borne cargo."

Draft Piracy Regulations.

In September the Government submitted for the consideration of the Chamber draft Regulations under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance, 1914, framed as a result of the deliberations of the "Sui An" Piracy Commission. Strong objection was taken amongst members of the Mercantile Marine to the first three clauses of the draft Regulations, particularly to the last part of Clause 1 which laid down:—

1. It is the duty of the master and other certificated officers, to resist to the uttermost any piratical attack. This obligation is imperative and no discretion may be exercised as to whether to resist or not."

A Conference with the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Harbour Master and the Crown Solicitor took place with regard to the draft Regulations, as the result of which the objectionable features of the first few clauses were deleted and various amendments in the Regulations, generally, were agreed upon.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1924.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

SALTPETRE JUNK BLOWN TO ATOMS.

FOUR PEOPLE KILLED.

About five o'clock yesterday afternoon, a junk at Shamsui, which was being loaded with saltpetre at the time, was destroyed by an explosion which also caused the death of several persons. A terrific impact was felt miles off and the boom was heard even in remote parts of Hongkong.

The junk was lying almost directly opposite the Shamsui ice factory and bags of saltpetre were being pushed down a plank into the hold. It is estimated that about three hundred bags had been put in when the explosion occurred.

An eyewitness on the harbour at the time says that he saw a burst of smoke, followed instantaneously by what appeared to be two globes of fire. Then a big column of white smoke shot upwards to a tremendous height "like an ammunition dump going up." The smoke remained in the air for some time and was visible from a considerable distance. When the smoke screen began to disperse, very fine particles of saltpetre fell, not unlike rain, sometimes at least a mile away.

Cheung So-tai (Go), male, owner of the boat was killed as was Cheung So and Cheung To, a boy of five and a girl of ten, respectively. A woman named Ng Mui, who was working in a timber yard close by, was found dead with a gash in her temple and it is surmised that she ran out for shelter, to be struck by a large splinter. One woman who was cooking on the stern, suffered no more than the effects of immersion as she was rescued by the police practically unscathed. The daughter-in-law of the junk owner was badly burned and a coolie was struck by splinters. These two, together with three others, were given first aid by the police on the spot and taken to hospital. Buildings in the neighbourhood and even some distance away, were severely shaken by the force of the explosion and windows were shattered in many houses. About every third pane along the frontage of the ice-factory was smashed.

Several theories have been advanced to the cause of the explosion. Investigation will be difficult as the junk and cargo have been blown to atoms. Some think that a spark from the cooking utensils at the stern might have dropped into the hold, or that the bags became overheated through the friction of the gunnies. Still another conjecture is that one bag might have been pushed in with so much force that the concussion brought about the explosion, or that iron hooks might have been used in stacking up the bags and that one of the hooks may have been handled with too much vigour.

This morning, it was gathered from official sources that the junk's crew numbered eleven, consisting of five men, three women, two girls and a boy. One man and two women were not on the boat at the time of the explosion. Of the remaining eight, a man, a boy and a girl were killed. Four were injured and one woman (the one who was cooking at the stern) was not hurt.

Only a few planks and the keel remain of the junk.

CANTON TROUBLES.

MASTERS OF JUNKS DETAINED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, March 13.
Altogether about ten junk-masters have been detained by the Finance Department on charges of improper declarations to the Customs sub-station at Tai Chuan, while on their way from Hongkong to Canton.

In addition to what is carried on the river steamers, a large amount of cargo is shipped from Hongkong to Canton by junk. The junk-masters have to pay the duties on behalf of the consignees in Canton. Payment is in Hongkong currency and it is claimed that the junk-people lose on exchange as they get paid back in Canton silver at an adverse rate of exchange.

The Finance Department is alleged to have accused the junkies of dishonesty. At first some of the junkies were detained with their cargoes but afterwards the masters were arrested. Account books have also been taken away for auditing purposes.

It is felt that the trouble is somewhat similar to the dispute by the Canton customs brokers some months ago when they were ordered to pay a fine for alleged previous short-payments. The junkies are said to resent the interference strongly.

MOTOR COLLISION.

MOON GARAGE AWARDED JUDGMENT.

REPULSE BAY CASE.

Towards the end of the case in which Serg. F. T. James of the Hongkong Police claimed \$677 damages from the Moon Garage Company as a result of a collision between his motor cycle and side-car and a garage car near Repulse Bay last September, Mr. Justice Gompertz advised the two solicitors engaged at the Summary Court to see if they could come to an amicable settlement. No settlement had been arrived at when the Court adjourned at the afternoon and this morning Mr. Corbett, for the plaintiff, stated they were still no agreement.

His Lordship referring to plaintiff's claim of negligence against the garage decided that he was not satisfied that a proof of negligence had been made out. If there had been any contributory negligence, it was probably due to the other side. Judgment would be awarded defendant with costs. It was stated by plaintiff yesterday that the Moon Garage car was travelling at a speed of 25 miles an hour when the accident happened. The car struck the nose of the side car and Mrs. James was injured. Serg. James said in order to avert a more serious accident he drove the cycle over a mound of earth in the narrow part of the road-way.

The chauffeur of the garage car said the motor-cycle was going at 14 or 15 miles an hour and tried to pass the car by going up the mound. His car did not touch the motor-cycle and when they were five feet apart. He had a speedometer on the car and just before he reached the mound it was registering seven miles an hour.

Cross-examined, he said it was untrue that he was going at 25 miles an hour. It was impossible to go at that speed because the road was very dangerous.

A road colleague evidence, saying he saw the car going towards the mound, very slowly and sounding a hooter. The car had entered the narrow passage when he saw the motor-cycle approaching. The car then stopped, but the cycle could not stop and was driven into the earth. He saw no collision. Afterwards the car went on through the passage.

Before Mr. Vaux addressed the Court for the defence, His Lordship mentioned the matter of damages, remarking to Mr. Corbett that he thought the damaged claimed were rather high, in fact very high.

Mr. Vaux for the defence said he thought that, for him, the most adverse basis on which his case could be put was that of contributory negligence. He went on to argue that the motor cycle driver himself was guilty of contributory negligence.

SOCIETY DRAMA

"THE FIGHTING CHANCE" AT THE STAR.

Actually an underwater love scene! That is one of the striking incidents in this evening's Star Theatre, features, attraction. Compelled to part forever, two lovers dive together into a swimming pool, and while still below have their farewell kiss. Fantastic though this seems, it must not be thought that the picture is freakish, for the story is adapted from one of the most popular novels ever written. Indeed, "The Fighting Chance" is undoubtedly Robert W. Chambers' finest book, giving romance with all the dash and colour of New York's smartest society. Notably good is the cast, the leading man being Conrad Nagel and the leading woman Anna Q. Nilsson. Although "The Fighting Chance" can claim to be the society drama of the year, it is not devoid of other attractive qualities, such as the lightness comedy touches, and the thrilling fight scene, in which two men are killed. Great as a novel, "The Fighting Chance," thinks to skillful filming, is perhaps even greater as a movie play.

TURBINE EXPLOSION.

SHANGHAI ACCIDENT INVESTIGATED.

Shanghai, March 13.—The report of the representatives of Messrs. Parsons regarding the turbine explosion of the 15th November last, says there is evidence suggesting that the accident was caused by the breaking of the turbine shaft. All the other damage was a consequence of that. When the shaft parts were correlated a longitudinal irregular fracture was disclosed indicating that a fault developed during the forging. The nature of the fracture suggests that the final breaking of the shaft was instantaneous and gave no warning to those responsible for running the machinery. —Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WALES FOR EVER.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir,—We have heard of Wales being regarded as a very useful "unit of measurement" when referring to the area of other countries. "Cymro" in his letter which appeared in your columns yesterday seems to reverse the process in this instance by using the Scots and English as "units of measurement" of Welsh people's patriotism in this Colony. The only inference that can be drawn from his letter is that the standard is low compared with the Scots and English here. The Welsh people have been described by an English voice as:—

"A people caring for old dreams and deeds,
Heroic story, and far descended song;
Honouring poets, not in death alone,
But in life also, as is meet and well,
An ancient folk speaking an ancient speech,
And cherishing in their bosoms all their past,
Yet in whose fiery love of their own land
No hatred of another's finds a place."

—W. W.

"Cymro" has every right to express the opinion he has formed during his stay here but I think his idea of local Welsh patriotism needs some adjustment. I note he places the respective representatives of the British Isles in the following order:—Scots, English and Welsh, which suggests that he has overlooked the important factor of numbers, but I leave it to those able than I to prove this by statistics, if such be possible. I must be admitted that there are many Welsh people here not members of the Society; the explanation is probably to be found in "Cymro's" letter where he recognises that the Society had only been in existence just one year when the recent Dinner was held.

When the Society was first formed it was estimated that it would reach a membership of about 50. It is now, I think, 44. No doubt, the estimate will be exceeded in due time; or at least, it should.

Before "Cymro" leaves us, he could render valuable assistance to the Society by furnishing the information as to where a list of about 200 Welsh residents here can be obtained.

As a resident here, I hardly think I should be far wrong in stating that at least 50% of Welsh residents are members of the Society. I can not say how this estimated percentage compares with the other two Societies.

Thanking you in anticipation of your favour of inserting this letter.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
"GWYLDGARWR."

Hongkong March 13.

WINDING UP.

LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd. was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. this morning. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and supporting him were Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, R. E. Greensmith (Directors) and Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Acting Secretary).

Shareholders who attended were Messrs. H. P. White, C. C. Boyd, Ho Kom-tong, Father Robert, E. M. Raymond, J. T. Bagram, B. C. Randall, E. Sadick, Lo Cheung-shu, H. A. Rodgers and W. R. Wilkinson.

In explaining the purpose of the meeting, the Chairman said:—

At the annual general meeting held in January last I mentioned that it was proposed to wind up the Company as soon as certain mortgages had been paid off in June. The mortgagors, however, desired to make arrangements for the future and asked permission to pay off the mortgages at an earlier date. This has been agreed to by your Directors and this meeting has been called for the purpose of passing a resolution for winding up the Company forthwith.

I therefore now beg to propose the following Extraordinary Resolution and when this has been duly seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask:—
That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Leslie Solbe Greenhill, of 5 Queen's Road Central Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.
The resolution having been seconded by Mr. H. P. White and carried unanimously, the Chairman said:—

A further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held here on March 29, at 11:30 a.m. in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceeding at this meeting and confirming if thought fit, as a special resolution, the resolution that has just been passed.

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"JAPAN"	9,554	28th Mar.	Moji and Kobo.
"KASHMIR"	9,554	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
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"SIOLIA"	8,613	13th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo.
"KASGAR"	8,610	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo.
"MOREA"	16,911	50th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
"ARAPURA"	8,000	7th June	Moji & Kobo.
"SODAN"	6,696	11th June	Shanghai.
"KARMALA"	6,096	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo.
"MASTICA"	10,941	27th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,370	6th July	Moji & Kobo.
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"DEVANTA"	8,092	11st July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo.
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Head, -Chau Tan	...	...	24
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Liver, -Chau Kon	lb.	43	50
Pork Chop, -Shu Pat Kwai	...	...	28
Leg, -Ohu Pal	...	...	28
Loin, -Chau Han Tan	...	...	18
Pot or Lard, -Ohu Yau	...	...	23
Sheep's Head and Feet, -Young			
Tau-Keak	...	...	60
Heart, -Young Sang	each	12	60
Kidneys, -Yeung Yiu	each	16	13
Liver, -Yeung Kon	lb.	40	20
Sacking Pigs, to order, -Ohu Tan	...	...	25
Suck, Beef, -Shang Ngau Yau	...	...	30
Matton, -Shang Yeung Koo	...	...	43
Veal, -Ngai Tai Yau	...	...	24
Sausages, -Ngau Tai Cheung	...	...	38
No. 1	lb.	38	

Barbol, —Ka Yu...	...	...	...	...	28
Barbol, —Ka Yu...	...	...	...	...	24

Carro, -Li Yu	...	...	...	30
Osakish, -Chik Yu	...	...	...	38
Osakish, -Min Yu	...	...	...	40
Orab, -Hal...	...	...	...	20
Osakish, -Muk Yu	...	...	...	24
Dib, -Sha Mang Yu	...	...	...	50
Duce, -Wong Ng Yu	...	...	...	13
Oog Fish, -It To Sha	...	...	...	19
Ela, Gonger, -Hoi Man	...	...	...	28
" Fresh water, -Tam Shai Yu	...	...	...	34
" Yellow, -Wong Sin	...	...	...	45
Frog, -Tin Kai	...	...	...	25
Gurou, -a, -Shek Pak	...	...	...	70
Quaggon, -Pak Kap Yu	...	...	...	26
Herrings, -Too Pak	...	...	...	30
Halibut, -Cheung Kwan Hap	...	...	...	34
Labrous, -Wong Fa Yu	...	...	...	65
Loach, -Wu Yu	...	...	...	55
Loabster, -Lung Ha	...	...	...	50
Mackerel, -Chi Yu	...	...	...	38
Monk Fish, -Mong Yu	...	...	...	42
Mullet, -Teal Yu	...	...	...	54
Operators, -Shang Ho	...	...	...	30
Parrot Fish, -Kai Kang Yu	...	...	...	38
Perch, -Tan Lo	...	...	...	32
Pike, -Fa Pau Fong	...	...	...	16
Platan, -Pan Yu	...	...	...	19
Pomfret, Black, -Hak Chong	...	...	...	40
Pomfret, White, Pak Onong	...	...	...	45
Prawns, -Ming Ba	...	...	...	80
Ray, -Fai Pa Shing	...	...	...	10
Roak Fish, -Shek Kan Kung	...	...	...	22
Roach, -Chun Yu	...	...	...	36
Shimon, -Ma Yau	...	...	...	50
Shark, -Sha Yu	...	...	...	14
Skate, -Po Yu	...	...	...	16
Skipper, -Ha	...	...	...	55
Skipper, -Lap Yu	...	...	...	46
Sole, -Tat Sha Yu	...	...	...	38
Tench, -Wu Yu	...	...	...	20
Turbot, -Too Han Yu	...	...	...	38
Turbot, small fresh water	...	...	...	1.20

March 4, June 1810

	1924.	1910	1900
Chicken, —Kai	15	20	31
Capon, Small, —Siu Kai	15	25	30
Capon, Large, —Siu Kai	25	35	50
Duck, —Ap	35	22	32
Goose, —Fau Kai	15	18	25
Eggs, Hen, —Kai Tan (cooked) per doz	25	35	40
Eggs, Hen, —Kai Tan (fresh) —per doz	30	35	40
Fowls, Canton, —Kai Tan	64	38	50
Fowls, Hainan, —Hot Hap Kai . .	35	34	50
Geese, —Wap	25	30	40
Geese, Canton, —Fak Kap, —roast	42		
Volau, —Hot Hap Kap, —Kai			

Almonds.—Hang Yan 100 00
Apples (California).—Kam Shan 24

Pine Apples			
Bananas, (Indie's), Mexico, -San			
Hong Chin	5		4
Chiambala, -Young To			12
Cocoanuts, -Yo	each	11	10
Lemons, China, -Ling Mung	lb.	13	7
Lemons, (America), -Kun Shao			
Ling Mung	each	8	6
Apples, Dried, (small stones)			
Lai Kuan (lb.)	23		25
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet	12		
Shan-shung Tin Chang lb.			
Oranges, Tin Chang			20
Pears, (Canton), Cooking, -Shi Shi	14		
Peaches, -Fu Shang			12
Persimmons, Large, -Hung Tai			13
Plantain, Tai Chia			5
Pomelo, Shan, -Tsun Lo Yau	each	16	13
Walnuts, -Hop To	lb.	15	
Grapes, -Fo Tai Yit			30

Artichokes,—Ah Ohl Oheuk ... each 10
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Boats, Spang, -Nga	...	1	8
"	Loong, -Tau Kok	...	1
Boat Roach, -Hung Tsoi Tan	...	1	8
Bitter Squab, -Fu Kwa	...	10	5
Brinjals, Green, -Ching Tan Kwa	...	6	5
"	Red, -Hau Kuo	...	6
Cabbage Chinese, (common),	Kai Toi	...	3
"	(Shanghai) -Ye Toi	...	10
Cane Shoots, bunch, -Kau Shan	...	12	12
Cauliflower (Large), -Ye Toi Fa	...	15	1
"	(Medium),	...	15
"	(Small),	...	12
Carrots, -Kam Shuu	...	16	6
Celery Chinese, -Tong Kai Toi	...	8	10
Chillies, Dried, -Kon Lai Chio	...	20	25
"	Red, -Hung Fa Chio	...	15
"	Green, -Ching Lai Chio	...	16
Curry Stuff, English, -Ka Li Chai	...	10	10
"	...	10	2
Cucumbers, -Ching Kwa	...	10	9
Garlic, -Sun Tan	...	10	7
Ginger young, -Sun Tse, Kanag	...	10	10
Ginger, old, -Lo Kung	...	20	45
Horseradish, Shanghai, -Lai Kan	...	20	6
Indian Corn, -Shuk Mai	...	10	1
Lettuce, -Yeung Shang Toi	...	16	6
Water Chestnuts, -Ma Tai	...	10	10
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"	Lam Mei	...	10
Mushrooms, Fresh, -Shang Tse Kai	...	1	1
Onions	...	1	1
Onions, Bombay, -Yang Chung Tai	...	10	8
Onions, Green, -Shang Ching	...	10	6
Onions, Shanghai, -Shang-hoi	...	10	5
"	Chung Tai	...	5
Pasley, -Kun Toi	...	30	65
Peas, Sweet, -Fan Shu	...	5	3
"	Japanese, -Yat Pan Shui Tai	...	5
"	American, -Fu Ki Shui Tai	...	4
Pumpkin, -Tung Kwa	...	16	2
Radish, -Hong Lo Pak Tai	...	5	5
Rhubarb (Large), -Tai Wong	...	5	8
Shallots, -Hong Chong Tai	...	8	8
Spinach, -Yai Tai	...	6	7
Tomatoes, -Fad Kse	...	4	6
Taro, -Wai Tan	...	5	6
Turpis, Fank, -Lo Pak	...	4	6
Vegetable Marrow, -Tait Kwa	...	3	15
Water Cress, -Sai Young Tai	...	10	8
"	Lily root, -Lin Ngat	...	10

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SENAIS and CALUTTA	NAMSANG.....	Wed. 19th Mar., 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	TAKSANG.....	Fri. 31st Mar, 7 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	WINGSANG.....	Sun. 23rd Mar, 3 p.m.
SAITADAKAN	MAUSANG.....	Sun. 23rd Mar, 9 a.m.
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HARUSAN MARU	Wednesday, 29th March
KITANO MARU	via ROTTTERDAM
HAMBURG via LONDON	End of March
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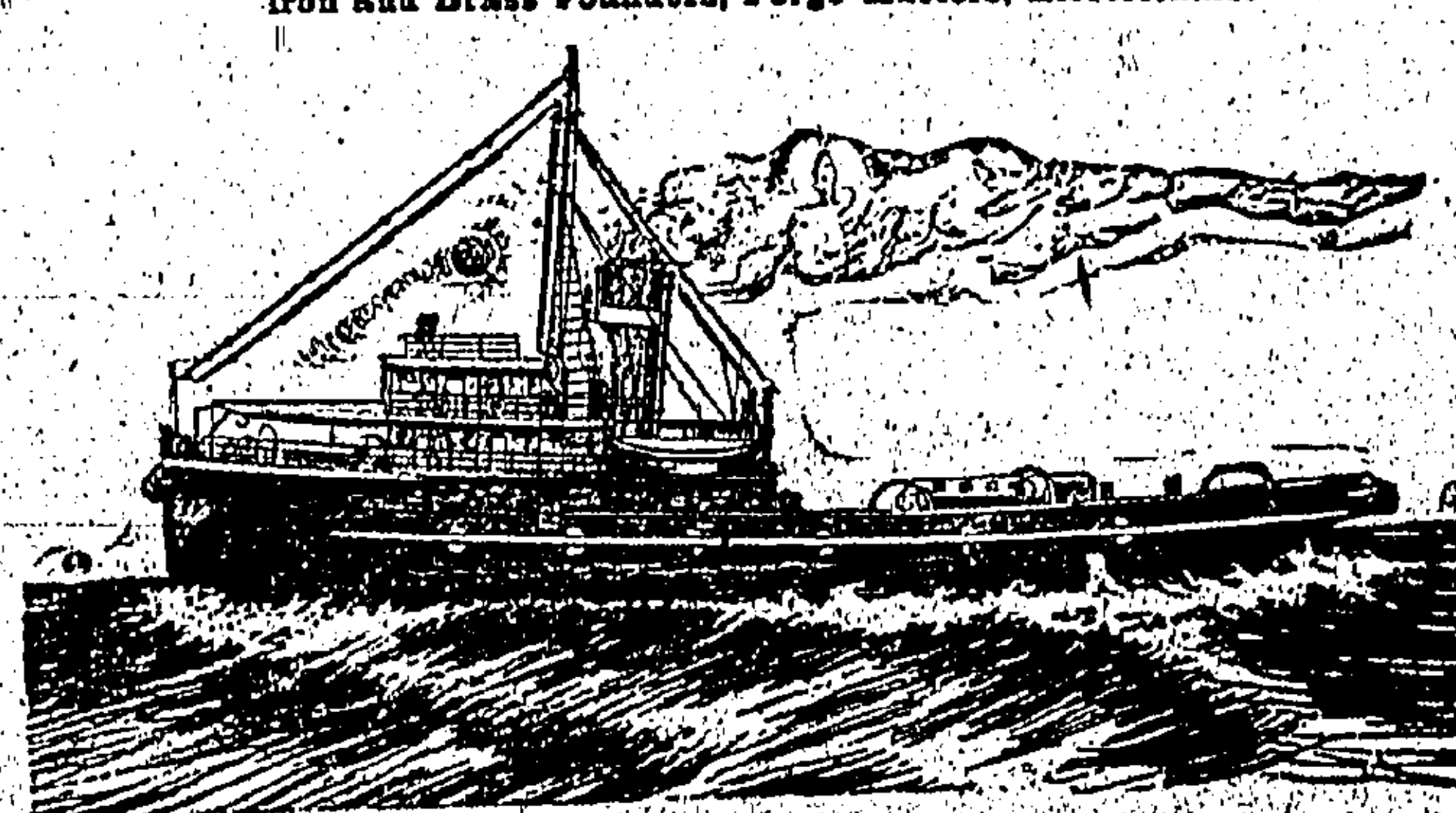
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NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:—

Hongkong Stock Exchange:—H.K. Hotels \$22 cum div. ex rights nom ex rights \$8 premium buyers and sellers.

Cement ex rights \$28 sellers rights \$6 1/2 prem. sales.

China Providents ex bonus and rights \$23 nominal, rights 2 1/2 prem. buy Bonus shares \$23 nom. Ropes ex bonus and rights \$27 nominal, rights \$3 prem. buy Bonus shares \$27 nominal.

Note: The rates quoted for China Lights up to and including Wednesday, 12th March, 1924, cum all and/or, cum rights necessitate the payment by the buyer of \$1 per new share.

China Providents Old Issue shares are now \$170,000. Hongkong Ropes Old Issue shares are now \$160,000.

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAYS.

PEKING, March 13. It is understood that the Cabinet this morning accepted the amended articles regarding the Chinese Eastern Railway and the withdrawal of Russian troops from Mongolia. As a consequence, no further obstacle remains in the way of recognition of the Soviet Government.

The Premier and Foreign Minister in a report made this morning anticipated that President Tsao Kun's approval would be forthcoming to-day or to-morrow and that the agreement will be signed by Sunday.—*Reuter*.

LOAN TO FRANCE.

NEW YORK, March 12. American bankers, headed by Morgan's, have established a credit of a hundred million dollars in favour of the Banque de France. The French loan is fully secured by gold in the vaults of the Banque de France, which is acting for the French Government. It will be used to stabilise French exchange and it is understood the duration of the loan will be one year. The statement does not mention the exact amount of the loan or the rate of interest, but quotes the Governor of the Banque as declaring that complete measures will be taken for a better financial situation.—*Reuter*.

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ALLOCATING THE PROFITS.

The *China Mail* is officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 27, the payment out of the profits for the year 1923 of a dividend of \$35.00 per share absorbing \$280,000, to pass \$200,000 to credit of Reserve Fund and \$17,857.82 @ ex: 2 1/2% = \$153,749.89 to credit of Reinsurance Fund, carrying forward \$515,163.24 in respect of the year 1923.

TRADE MARK LAW.

PEKING, March 13.

The Diplomatic Corps have received a letter signed by the foreign Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai protesting against the recognition of the proposed Chinese Trade Mark Law.

The letter emphasises that whereas under European, American and Japanese law appeal from the registrar of trade marks can be made to a Court of Justice, the proposed law makes no such provision, with the serious consequences that the Registration Bureau is constituted the sole arbiter in disputes regarding registration or infringement.

The letter concludes by pointing out that the alleged protection which foreign trade mark owners get if they register is wholly illusory, as no law promulgated by the Central Government commands the slightest respect in the provinces.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin*.

SINGAPORE OIL SYNDICATE.

LONDON, March 12.

The Rumania Syndicate intends to grant the Singapore Oil Syndicate a sub-lease of Klias Peninsula and Mangalam Island, against a cash payment and royalty.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH BORNEO PETROLEUM SYNDICATE.

LONDON, March 12.

Seventy thousand unissued British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate's 10/- shares are being offered to shareholders at 15/- with the object of extending operations.—*Reuter*.

WHEAT SUPPLY.

Official figures recently issued show the Dominion of Canada is the greatest single contributor to the wheat supply of the world. She stands second only to the United States in automobile exports. Her flour exports are far ahead of the palmiest war years, and are rapidly gaining in the foreign markets. Canada's mineral, forest, agricultural and fisheries industries are now valued at \$2,420,000,000, or \$252,000,000 higher than a year ago.

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ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

For the first time for many years Hongkong has had the opportunity of listening to a really first class band playing first class music in the Theatre Royal. It has often been said that Hongkong music lovers were so few that such concerts would be inevitably failures. Proof to the contrary exists now in the large and enthusiastic audience which welcomed the first concert given in Hongkong by the 1st East Surrey Regiment's band.

Opening with Verdi's Overture "The Sicilian Vespers" they seemed a little nervous, but the reception accorded them encouraged them to give an exquisite rendering of Massenet's Scenes Pittoresques at the close of which vociferous clapping resulted in a repetition of Scene No. 3, the Jewel of the suite! After hearing the Andante and Allegretto from Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony one longed to hear the complete work, but an excerpt from Les Huguenots (Meyerbeer) filled the vacancy admirably. Seven items from the Cantata "Samson and Delilah" in the sixth of which Lance-Corporal Kidd gave an excellent demonstration of how to obtain good tone from a horn, were vigorously applauded. Immediately prior to the last two items a large portion of the audience were overcome by the lateness of the hour and departed.

Notwithstanding, the band completed their programme with Gounod's "Lend me your aid" in which a most difficult melody was cleverly taken by the trombone (Lance-Corporal H. Johnson) and the old favourite Ruckozy March (Berlioz) from "The Damnation of Faust."

The performance was somewhat interrupted by solos rendered by "local talent."

Although Mr. W. F. Bradshaw, the bandmaster of the 1st East Surreys very thoughtfully provided analytical notes descriptive of the pieces it was impossible to read them at the time as, contrary to concert hall practice, the auditorium lights were put out. Perhaps this could be remedied on a future occasion. One other suggestion perhaps may be worth considering. The majority of the band's performances are probably given in the open air and thus they get very little practice in the extremely difficult art of playing pianissimo in a closed hall. Owing to the smallness of the theatre it is probably impossible to obtain a true pianissimo from the woodwind and lower brass instruments, but it might be appreciably easier if use were made of the full depth of the stage, the band being placed as far back as possible.

It is to be hoped that another concert under Bandmaster Bradshaw's baton will shortly be advertised.

SMILES IN COURT.

TWO WATCHES THAT WENT WRONG.

The usual array of counsel marked the Friday fixing session at the Summary Court this morning. Mr. T. G. Bennett, who was a few minutes too late to answer his case, called first on the list, apologised to Mr. Justice Gompertz for being late. He explained that it was due to his watch being wrong. Coincidentally, Mr. Hind, opposing solicitor in the same case was also delayed.

His Lordship: Was your watch wrong as well Mr. Hind?

Mr. Hind: Yes, my Lord. (Laughter.)

In another case Mr. Bennett asked that it be adjourned as his client wanted to go to Canton.

Mr. Webster: Have I any guarantee that he will come back?

His Lordship said that if Mr. Bennett's client paid the money into Court before he went to Canton he would grant an adjournment for a fortnight. Mr. Webster said he would agree to that. (Smiles.)

CRICKET.

I.R.C. 2nd XI v. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

The following represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a league match against the Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI on the former's ground to-morrow at 3.15 p.m.:—D. Rumpkin (Capt.), S. R. Khan, E. A. Moosdeen, O. Rumpkin, H. D. Rumpkin, M. P. Mander, A. A. Webb, R. Nazim, A. Kitchell, A. K. Mian and S. Casimiboy.

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LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain H. P. Carver, from reserve, has gone master, "Kanchow."

Captain W. Tonkin, of the "Kanchow," is on reserve.

Mr. D. R. McAlpine, second officer, "Shuntien," is on leave.

Mr. J. R. Liley, has been appointed second officer, "Shuntien."

Mr. N. Sinclair, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "An Lan."

Mr. R. H. Kingswood, third engineer, "Chekiang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. S. Campbell has been appointed third engineer, "Chekiang."

Mr. A. Moore, second engineer, "Shuntien," has resigned.

Mr. R. K. Burns, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Shuntien."

Mr. E. J. Porter, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. A. J. N. Wood, acting chief officer, "Tuckwo," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. Pittenigh, from leave, has gone sup'y second officer, "Wosang."

Mr. F. Hill, second engineer, "Wosang," has gone second engineer, "Loongwo."

Mr. A. McN. Marshall, second engineer, "Loongwo," is on reserve.

Mr. W. Aitchison, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Wosang."

FOOTBALL SHIELD FINAL.

KOWLOON F.C. v. SURREY REGT.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their match v. the "Surreys" in the final of the Hongkong Shield Competition, to be played on the Club ground to-morrow, kick-off 4.15 p.m.:—

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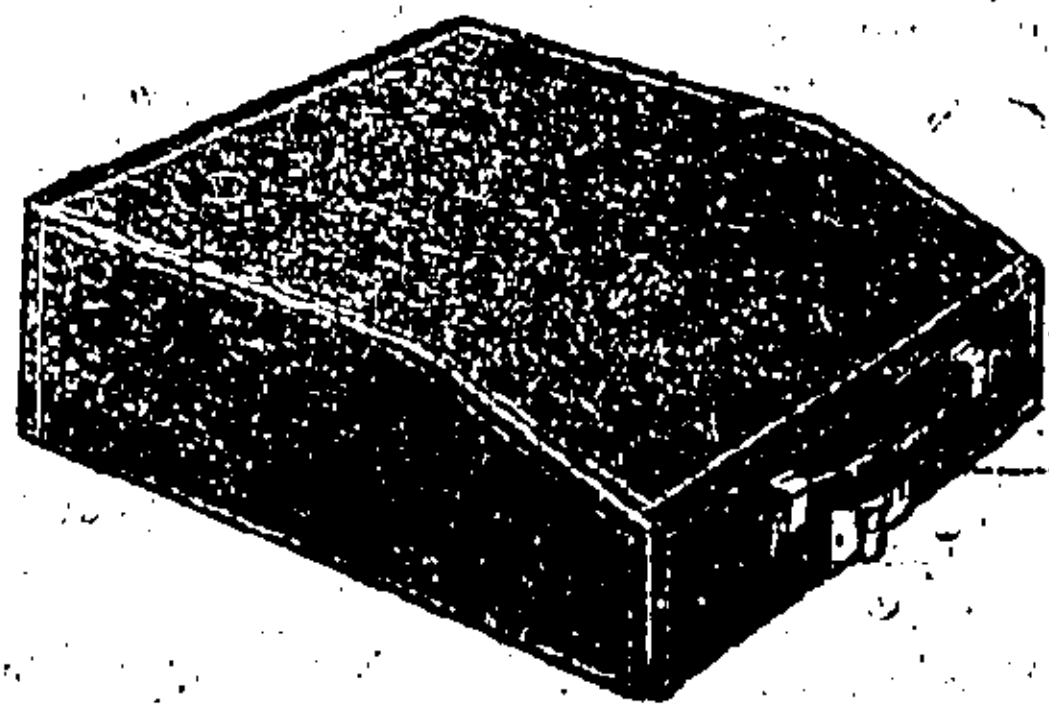
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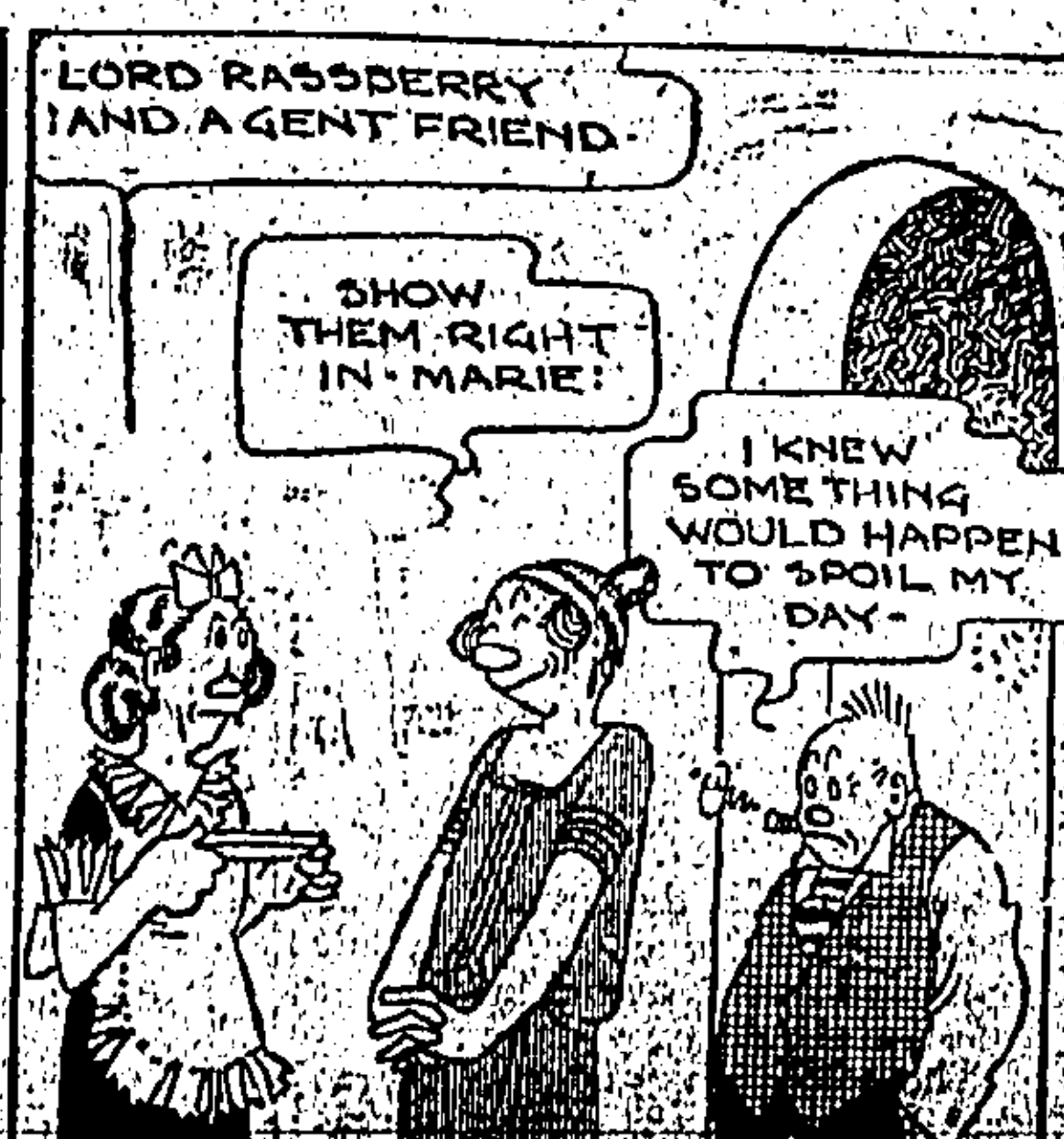
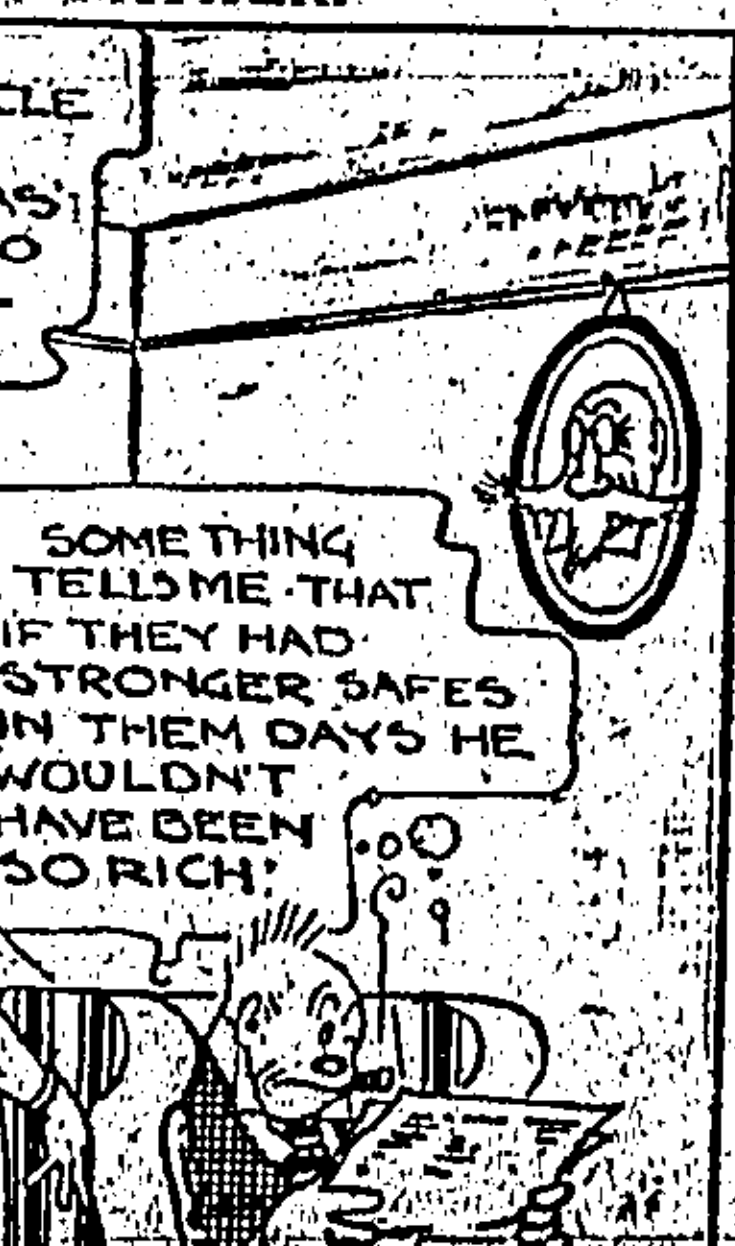
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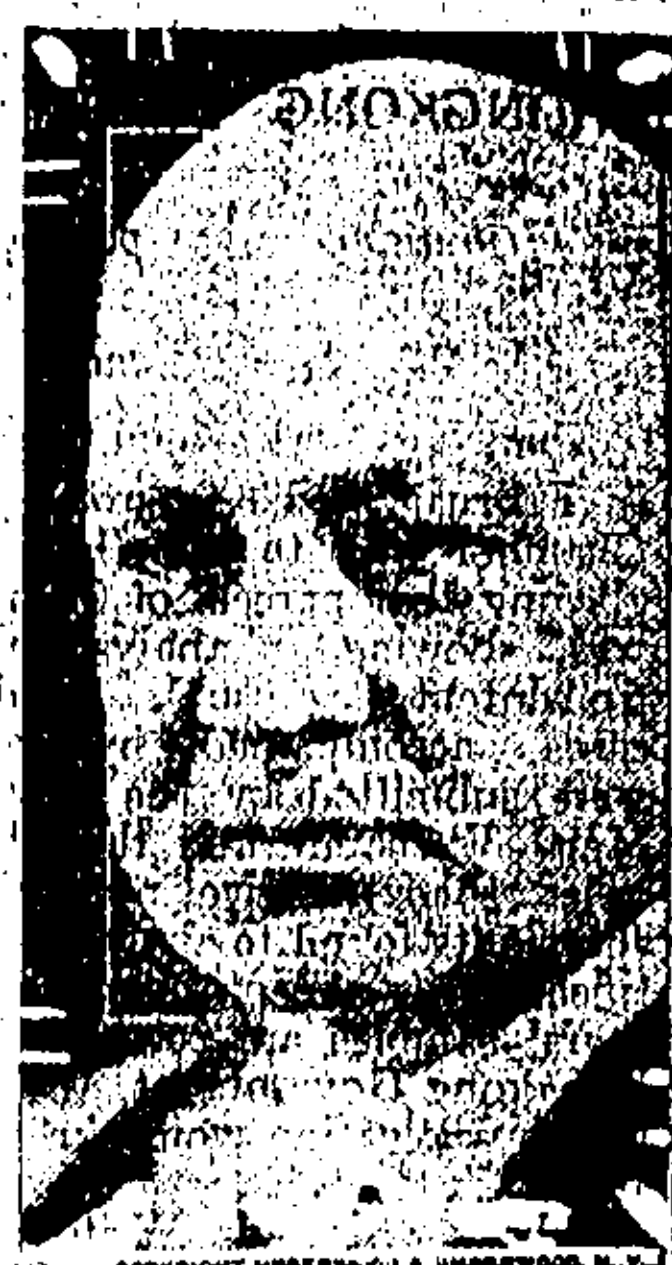
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AMERICAN OIL SENSATION.



Mr. Edwin Denby, head of the United States Navy Department, who lost his office as result of the oil scandal.



United States Attorney General, Mr. Harry M. Daugherty, who is involved in the oil scandal. His resignation is being hotly demanded.



Archibald Roosevelt, who recently testified before the Senate Committee that he left the Sinclair Oil companies because of what had been revealed to him as to the leasing of the naval reserve.



Edward L. Doheny, head of the oil company to which Albert B. Fall, then Secretary of the Interior, and Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy, leased the Naval oil reserve out of which Doheny testified he expected to make \$100,000,000.



Another big oil magnate whose name has been frequently mentioned in connection with the oil scandal. He was granted the Teapot Dome leases.



Rear Admiral John K. Robison, Senator Walsh of Montana, declared that Admiral Robison—after a conference with Mr. Doheny, became imbued with the necessity of leasing the Naval reserves; and the Senator added that it was "a striking coincidence that among all the officers of the Navy, Admiral Robison was put in charge of the Naval reserves."



America's next President? Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, whose candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination was recently announced. His platform, according to reports, will be an Anti-League, Anti-Ku Klux Klan and a mild wet platform.



Coming Presidential fight. Carmi A. Thompson, of Cleveland, who has been appointed pre-convention campaign manager for President Coolidge.



Frank A. Munsey, newspaper owner of New York, who recently added another paper to his string, the Evening Mail. Munsey already owns the New York Herald, the Sun and Globe and the Evening Telegram. It is reported that he paid over \$2,000,000 for the newest paper.

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 Kojan Maru, (M. B. K.) from
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 pore.—Holt's Wharf.
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 Bayard.—West Point.
 Shans, (B. & S.) from Swatow.—
 West Point.
 Tajima Maru, (N. Y. K.) from
 Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.
 Heng An, (Yuen Mow) from
 Saigon.—Off Stonecutters.
 Chihli, (B. & S.) from Shanghai.
 Off Stonecutters.
 Haidis, (Wo Fat Sing) from
 Canton.—Off Stonecutters.

Siangco, (Yee Tai Hong) from
 Canton.—C17.
 Achilles, (B. & S.) from Manila.
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 Cheongshing, (J. M. & Co.) from
 Tientsin.—C33.
 Sinkiang, (B. & S.) from Shang-
 hai.—B12.
 Passat, (Kwong Mow Tai) from
 Dairen.—West Point.
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 Fort Bayard.—Co's Wharf.
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LONDON, March 12.

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The personnel will be 100,500 compared with 109,500 for the previous year.—Reuter.

LONDON, March 12.

A Navy estimates memorandum states that the general strategic position now permits of a return to more normal conditions than when the retention of the majority of the most modern vessels in home waters was necessary for many years prior to the late war. In the Mediterranean two destroyer flotillas will be replaced by more modern vessels, and the fleet in the Mediterranean will be gradually brought up to the following strength: 2 (1) battleships, two light cruiser squadrons, four destroyer flotillas, two depot ships, two aircraft carriers, one repair ship, one submarine flotilla and one submarine depot ship. The Atlantic fleet will be correspondingly reduced.—Reuter.

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The B. F. s.s. "Agapion" left Port Said on Mar. 1 for Amsterdam, London and Antwerp.
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 The N.Y.K. s.s. "Peking Maru" (Bantay Line) left Mofu for Hongkong on Mar. 9 and is expected here today.
 The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tajima Maru" (Bantay Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 7 and is expected here today.
 The P. & O. s.s. "Kildare" left Shanghai for this port on Mar. 11 at 2 p.m. and is due here to-morrow at about 8 a.m.
 The P. & O. s.s. "Victoria" will leave here for Melbourne via Suez and Australian ports to-morrow.
 The U.S.K. s.s. "Sumatra Maru" left Mofu on Feb. 23 and will be due here to-morrow p.m.
 The B. F. s.s. "Alcides" from New York left Manila on Mar. 13 p.m. for this port and is due here on Mar. 10 at daylight.
 The B. I. s.s. "Varina" left Panak for this port on Mar. 10 a.m. and is due here on Mar. 10 at about a.m.
 The N.Y.K. s.s. "Lyons Maru" (Liverpool Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 10 and is expected here on Mar. 10.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Matsunoto Maru" (Bantay Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 10 and is expected here on Mar. 10.
 The B. F. s.s. "Teiresias" for London, Rotterdam and Antwerp left Shanghai Mar. 13 for this port and is due here to-morrow at daylight. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Mar. 17.
 The A.O.L. s.s. "Fresco" (Bantay Line) is due here at 2 a.m. to-morrow and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. Mar. 17.

The B. F. s.s. "Machon" from Liverpool left Singapore on Mar. 13 for this port and is due here on Mar. 18.
 The B. I. s.s. "Bentley" from Marseilles, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port on Mar. 14 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Mar. 16.
 The A.O.L. s.s. "Fresco" (Bantay Line) is due here at 2 a.m. to-morrow and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. Mar. 17.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Fukushima Maru" (Bantay Line) left Singapore for Hongkong via Mofu and Shanghai on Mar. 9 and is expected here on Mar. 18.
 The B. F. s.s. "Sarpidon" left Liverpool on Feb. 17 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on Mar. 18.
 The O.S.K. s.s. "Shunko Maru" left Mofu on Mar. 12 and will be due here on Mar. 24.

The Hague, March 12.—The Second Chamber has approved of the Treaty concluded at Washington on February 13, prolonging the Arbitration Treaty of 1908 between the Netherlands and the United States.—Reuter.

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